

*Claim 12. The diagnostic kit of claim 10, wherein said antibody is labeled.*

Applicants thus traverse the requirement since claims of alternative scope have been deemed allowable in a single application.

In an effort to maintain equivalent scope in these applications, Applicants would respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the requirement to include a similar grouping of claims. Applicants would elect such a group, without traverse, and file a supplemental amendment to place the claims in a similar form, so as to be commensurate in scope.

If the Examiner is amenable to these changes, please contact the undersigned via telephone, and a supplemental response will be filed immediately, via facsimile, in order to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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